

- In 2007 Hall Visited Every Town and City in 19th CD - Carmel, NY – Building on last year's successful tour of every town and city in the 19th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) will re-launch another 43 Town Tour this weekend. Beginning in Poughkeepsie and Lewisboro on Saturday, Hall will hold a Congress on Your Corner in each of the five counties he represents during the next week. At Congress on Your Corner, Hall and staff members take the services of his office to a local community, so residents can obtain assistance with casework, discuss issues, or get information without having to travel to one of the Congressman's district offices.

"Going to people's communities to meet face to face with them, hear their concerns, and see what my office can do to help is the very core of being a responsive representative," said Congressman Hall.

In 2007, Hall held at least one public event in each of the 43 towns and cities he represents. Much of what Congressman Hall heard and learned from communities during his visits resulted in the Congressman being able to directly help local residents. For example:

- Since the majority of the Highland Falls School District's taxable land is owned by the federal government as part of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the school district relies on federal funding for its budget. Due to an unfair formula, the school district was severely under funded last year. After visiting Highland Falls and hearing of the huge projected property tax increase the community was about to suffer so the school district could meet its budget, Congressman Hall was able to secure \$1,500,000 in federal Impact Aid to save Highland Falls School District's education programs and offset the property tax increases for the year.
- Seeing firsthand the damage from the April '07 floods during a tour of the Town of Dover led Congressman Hall to secure a federally-funded Army Corps of Engineers reconnaissance study of the Ten Mile River Watershed in Dutchess County.
- Meetings with onion growers in Orange County brought the problem of muck soil farming to light and led Congressman Hall to introduce the Hall Conservation on Muck Soils Amendment to the 2007 Farm Bill. Hall's amendment, which passed the House, would reward anti-erosion and cover crop practices while addressing shortcomings under current federal programs to help encourage ongoing production.
- After participating in a public forum about global warming and climate change in the Town of Lewisboro and hearing about Lewisboro's "green building" initiatives, Congressman Hall delivered federal funding to help construct a home for First Responders using environmentally friendly building techniques.

"I'm proud of what I've been able to accomplish for the people of my district during my first year in Congress," said Hall. "Some of the needs and ideas I heard during these town visits led directly to help from my office." Congressman Hall is re-launching his Town Tour this week with the following events:

Dutchess - Poughkeepsie Congress on Your Corner

Saturday, January 19th

11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Poughkeepsie Town Hall

1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie

Westchester - Lewisboro Congress on Your Corner

Saturday, January 19th

Hall Kicks Off 2008 With 2nd 43 Town Tour

Wednesday, 16 January 2008 00:00

2:00 - 3:00p.m.

South Salem Library (Town of Lewisboro)

15 Main Street, South Salem **Putnam – Mahopac Congress on Your Corner**

Thursday, January 24th

10:30 – 11:30a.m.

Mahopac Library

10:30-11:30am

668 Route Six, Mahopac **Orange – Woodbury Congress on Your Corner**

Thursday, January 24th

1:30 – 2:30p.m.

Woodbury Town Hall

511 Route 32, Woodbury **Rockland – Stony Point Congress on Your Corner**

Thursday, January 24th

3:30 – 4:30p.m.

Stony Point Town Hall

74 East Main St., Stony Point -30-